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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT LOUIS 0165

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFO MILI MP US UR  
SUBJECT: MAURITIAN GOVERNMENT WISH FOR VISIT BY US NAVY SHIP  
IN CONNECTION WITH MARCH 12 INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

REF: PORT LOUIS 0158

1. I TOOK CAPTAIN SCHRADER, CO, USS LONG BEACH, TO CALL ON PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM ON 24 FEBRUARY. RAMGOOLAM SAID SOVIET AMBASSADOR SAFRONOV HAD CALLED ON HIM EARLIER SAME DAY AND HAD REQUESTED CLEARANCE FOR VISIT BY TWO SOVIET WARSHIPS (ONE A CRUISER) IN CONNECTION MARCH 12 MAURITIAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. PRIME MINISTER ASKED IF USG COULD SEND A SHIP TO PORT LOUIS AT SAME TIME, FOR EXAMPLE THE USS ENTERPRISE, WHICH HE HAD HEARD WAS IN THE AREA AND WHICH HAD BEEN SO HELPFUL TO MAURITIUS FOLLOWING "GERVAISE" CYCLONE IN 1975.

2. I REPLIED THAT I WOULD SEND REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. I SAID ENTERPRISE MUST FOLLOW ITS SCHEDULE, WHICH WOULD TAKE IT  
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BACK TO WESTERN PACIFIC BY MARCH 12.

3. COMMENT: AS STATED REFTTEL, BELIEVE WE OUGHT TO ACCEDE TO RAMGOOLAM'S REQUEST IF THERE IS ANY WAY WE CAN. IN ADDITION TO GOM'S DESIRE TO BALANCE SOVIET SHIP VISIT (WHICH IT FEELS IT CANNOT REFUSE), RAM MADE CLEAR IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION (REPORTED SEPTTEL NOTAL) THAT HE IS VERY CONCERNED

OVER ACTUAL/POTENTIAL SOVIET SUBVERSION IN MAURITIUS AND CLANDESTINE SUPPORT HE BELIEVES USSR IS GIVING TO HIS MARXIST OPPOSITION, THE MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT, AND ITS GENERAL WORKERS FEDERATION TRADE UNIONS. RAM INDICATED HE WOULD LIKE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HE IS NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO SOVIET PRESSURE OR INTERVENTION, AS HE HAS POWERFUL FRIENDS IN WEST AS WELL. KEELEY

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